

Information about American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

Announced Funding for Texas and the 23rd District

At this point the Federal and State Governments are still in the process of announcing funding guidelines as well as grants and awards. As information is announced this list will be updated. For additional information about grants and funding opportunities, I encourage you to visit my [Recovery website](http://www.rodriquez.house.gov/recovery) at www.rodriquez.house.gov/recovery.

Making Work Pay Tax Credit

The tax cut provides a refundable tax credit for American workers earning less than \$95,000 per year. Individuals will receive up to \$400 and married taxpayers filing joint returns will receive up to \$800. Starting April 1st, the amount of federal taxes withheld from paychecks will be reduced to reflect the tax cut, thereby increasing take-home pay. [Click here](#) for more information about the Tax Credit.

National Park Service

\$1.9 Million for National Park Units in the 23rd District of Texas

- **Amistad National Recreation Area** (Del Rio, TX) will receive \$228,000 for removal of trash and debris along the shoreline.
- **Big Bend National Park** (Brewster County, TX) will receive \$1,236,000 to improve visitor safety by rehabilitating trails parkwide, to rehabilitate historic law enforcement quarters, and to repair park infrastructure damaged by flood.
- **Fort Davis National Historic Site** (Fort Davis, TX) will receive \$46,000 to stabilize an historic brick oven.
- **Guadalupe National Park** (Culberson County, TX) will receive \$315,000 to rehabilitate pine springs quarters, repair trails parkwide and replace the heating system boiler at park headquarters/visitor center.
- **San Antonio Missions National Historical Park** (San Antonio, TX) will receive \$103,000 to rehabilitate the sewer, septic and potable water system at Historic Mission Espada.

Federal Emergency Management Agency

\$636,015 for the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) to bring immediate relief to communities to address unemployment, poverty and other needs in light of the economic climate faced by our county.

- \$378,659 for **Bexar County**
- \$197,252 for **El Paso County**
- \$24,413 for **Maverick County**
- \$10,778 for **Medina County**
- \$3,492 for **Pecos County**
- \$3,961 for **Presidio County**
- \$13,124 for **Val Verde County**
- \$4,336 for **Zavala County**

Texas Department of Transportation

\$33.72 Million for Road Projects in Eight Counties in the 23rd District of Texas

Medina County:

- \$2,641,359 to widen the roadway on FM462 from FM 1250 to .4 miles south of CR 540.
- \$1,899,750 to construct freeway ramps on IH-35 on NBFR from SH 173, north to .3 Mi north of CR777.
- \$966,755 to construct new road on IH-35 from SH 173 to .1 miles north of Rossville Road.
- \$688,111 to construct freeway ramps on IH-35 from 2 miles south of CR770 to .1 miles north of 770.

Brewster County:

- \$4.75 Million to resurface roadway on US 67 from Mosely Lane to 7.921 miles West of Mosely Lane.

El Paso County:

- \$315,226 to resurface roadway on FM1110 from the intersection of FM 76 and FM 1110 to the IH 10 Gateway West on FM 1110.

Pecos County:

- \$2,417,418 to repair roadway on US 385 from Spur 194 to 17.9 Miles south.

Edwards County:

- \$1,600,449 to construct a bridge on SH 55 at Little Hackberry Creek.

Val Verde County:

- \$3,171,512 to repair roadway on US90 from 4.42 Mi South of SH 163 to 4.01 miles south.

Maverick County:

- \$5.2 Million to repair roadway on US277 from .059 miles north of FM 1908 to 2.843 miles north of the FM 1664 North intersection
- \$4,678,857 to repair roadway on FM2644 from the Dimmit County Line to FM1021.

Uvalde County:

- \$5,391,180 to widen the roadway on RM187 from .2 miles south of US90 in Sabinal to .08 miles south of Sabinal River.

Veterans

One-time payment of \$250 dollars to eligible Veterans and survivors to mitigate the effects of the current economy.

The VA estimates \$700 million in payments will be made, with payments beginning in June of 2009.

Veterans Facilities

Funding announced by the Department of Veterans Affairs for Existing Veterans Administration Facilities

El Paso Area Projects:

- **\$825,500** to replace domestic heating and water valves in El Paso
- **\$280,000** to renovate primary care space for behavioral health
- **\$27,250** to repair / replace site lighting and ballasts - FCA corrections
- **\$239,000** to repair / replace damaged heating, ventilation and air conditioning ducts

- **\$550,000** to convert site to desert xero-scape landscaping
- **\$220,000** to renovate patient care areas on 3rd floor, Phase 1
- **\$1,142,857** to implement selected conservation methods
- **\$744,303** for the National Cemetery Administration's non recurring maintenance projects at Fort Bliss

San Antonio Projects:

- **\$3,525,000** to renovate for a new outpatient clinic in San Antonio
- **\$600,000** to renovate an existing operating room
- **\$855,400** for the National Cemetery Administration's non recurring maintenance projects at Fort Sam Houston

Department of Defense Facilities

Funding announced by the Department of Defense for Existing Facilities serving the 23rd District of Texas

- \$5.379 Million for **Laughlin Air Force Base Projects** in Del Rio
- \$984,000 for **Fort Sam Houston** in San Antonio
- \$1.71 Million for **El Paso Navy Operational Support Center**
- \$3.64 Million for **Air Force Center for Engineering and the Environment**
- \$2.792 Million for **Kelley Field Annex** in San Antonio
- \$26.489 Million for **Lackland Air Force Base** in San Antonio
- \$1.116 Million for **Lackland Training Annex** in San Antonio
- \$19.037 Million For **Randolph Air Force Base** in San Antonio
- \$3.7 Million For **Fort Bliss** in El Paso

Social Security Recipients

The federal government will send out \$250 economic recovery payments to people who receive Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) beginning June of 2009. For information about these payments visit the at www.socialsecurity.gov/payment.

The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants

The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program, administered by the Department of Energy, will provide formula grants for projects that reduce total energy use and fossil fuel emissions, and improve energy efficiency nationwide.

- **Bexar County** will receive \$2,434,500
- **Del Rio** will receive \$156,300
- **El Paso** will receive \$5,802,700
- **The Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas** will receive \$33,100
- **San Antonio** will receive \$12,897,000

Public Housing Capital Fund Formula Allocations

HUD's Capital Fund Program provides annual funding to public housing authorities to develop, finance, and/or modernize the public housing in their communities. The projects are previously underfunded capital improvement projects.

- **Housing Authority City of Alpine** will receive \$80,679
- **Housing Authority of Bexar County** will receive \$76,689
- **Brackettville Housing Authority** will receive \$87,802
- **Carrizo Springs Housing Authority** will receive \$171,984
- **Del Rio Housing Authority** will receive \$815,066
- **Devine Housing Authority** will receive \$127,894
- **El Paso County Housing Authority** will receive \$195,77
- **Housing Authority of Pecos** will receive \$241,910
- **San Antonio Housing Authority** will receive \$14,557,802
- **Uvalde Housing Authority** will receive \$92,859
- **Housing Authority of Van Horn** will receive \$73,257

Community Health Centers

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will announce the release of \$338 million to expand services offered at community health centers nationwide.

Below are the Community Health Centers in the 23rd District that received funding:

- **Vida Y Salud Health Systems, Inc in Crystal City** (Serves Crystal City and La Pryor)
Funding: \$180,002
- **United Medical Centers in Eagle Pass** (Serves Eagle Pass, Del Rio and Brackettville)
Funding: \$417,988
- **Presidio County Health Services, Inc in Marfa** (Serves Marfa and Presidio) Funding:
\$157,093
- **Cactus Health Centers in Sanderson** (Serves Fort Stockton and Sanderson) Funding:
\$125,649
- **Community Health Development, Inc in Uvalde** (Serves Edwards, Uvalde and Zavala

Counties)

Funding: \$264,561

- **El Centro Del Barrio, Inc in San Antonio** (*Serves San Antonio and Somerset*) Funding: \$1,111,743

These Centers are not in the 23rd District of Texas but serve Constituents of the 23rd District

- **Centro De Salud Familiar La Fe in El Paso** (*Serves El Paso, Canutillo and San Elizario*) Funding: \$487,717

- **Centro San Vincente in El Paso** (*Serves El Paso and San Elizario*) Funding: \$468,260

- **Project Vida Health Center in El Paso** (*Serves El Paso*) Funding: \$248,905

- **Barrio Comprehensive Family Health Care Center, Inc in San Antonio** (*Serves San Antonio*) Funding: \$745,863